

RUSSIA PREPARED TO HEAR OF PORT ARTHUR FALLING

Confirmation at St. Petersburg of Japs Capturing 203-Metre Hill Forecasts the End.

ALL BELIEVE IN STOESEL

Commanding General, It Is Thought Will Not Surrender, Even Should the Czar Order It.

CANNONADING AT MUKDEN.

Sounds of Rapid Firing on Russian Southwest Front More Foreboding Than for Months, but Occasion No Excitement.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 2.—With the confirmation of the news that the Japanese have occupied 203-Metre Hill, and the report that the Russians unsuccessfully attempted its recapture, officials at the War Office are beginning to prepare themselves for the inevitable.

Golden Hill and Laoti are higher, and dominate 203-Metre Hill, but the officials say that if the Japanese succeed in mounting heavy guns upon the latter, it probably will be only a question of days, or weeks, before the fortress falls.

Still there is not the slightest idea among General Stoessel's friends that he will surrender, even if he should be ordered to do so. It is stated that it is possible that if the fall of the fortress is shown to be inevitable, the Emperor may direct its surrender in order to prevent the unnecessary sacrifice of the remnant of its brave defenders.

The ships in the harbor, it can now be stated on high authority, are in no condition to attempt to break through the investing squadron. The guns of the warships were long ago landed, and the marines and sailors have been participating in the land defense.

The question of the advisability of re-entrusting Vice Admiral Rojostrovsky's squadron with the Black Sea fleet is again being agitated by some of the papers, notably the Novoye Vremya, which points out that with the addition of the Black Sea vessels Rojostrovsky will have a superiority which will insure victory over Admiral Togo's fleet.

The Novoye Vremya calls attention to the fact that Japan was not one of the signatories of the treaty closing the Danzig straits, and asserts that if Japan had the power she might force an entrance into the Black Sea and engage the Russian fleet. Conversely, the paper continues, with the consent of the Porte there is nothing in the treaty to prevent the exit of the Black Sea fleet to fight some Power which is in no wise involved in the treaty.

General Renssekampff, with his cavalry, is following the retreating Japanese, giving them no time to occupy a position. It seems that the Japanese, in attempting to seize Russian positions recently, so extended themselves as to deplete their resources.

CHEFOO HEARS NO NEWS OF PORT ARTHUR OPERATIONS. Chefoo, Dec. 2.—No news from Port Arthur was received here to-day.

ISSUES WRIT TO STOP BUTLER CASE Judge Robinson of Supreme Court Temporarily Prohibits Judge Foster From Proceeding With Butler Trial.

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 2.—Chief Justice Robinson of the Supreme Court today issued a temporary writ of prohibition against Judge Foster of the St. Louis Criminal Court, to prevent him from proceeding with the trial of Edward Butler in his court on the charge of bribing Charles F. Kelly to leave the State and avoid testifying against him in the boodoo case.

SUMMARY OF The St. Louis Republic.

For Saturday, December 3, 1904.

THE WEATHER.—Indiana and Illinois—Fair in the north; clearing and colder in the south portion Saturday. Sunday fair; fresh north winds. Eastern Texas—Fair and colder Saturday. Sunday fair; fresh to brisk northwest winds. Western Texas, Oklahoma and Indian Territory—Fair Saturday and Sunday. Nebraska—Fair Saturday and Sunday; warmer in the north portion Saturday. Warner Sunday. Kansas—Fair Saturday and Sunday. Warner Sunday. Missouri and Iowa—Fair Saturday and Sunday; warmer in the west portion Sunday. Arkansas—Fair Saturday; much colder. Sunday fair.

The sun rises this morning at 6:38 and sets this evening at 4:23. The moon rises this morning at 10:14 a. m.

WANT PAGES 12 AND 13.

Grain closed: St. Louis—Dec. wheat 11.954 asked; Dec. corn 46 1/2@47. Chicago—Dec. wheat 11.904 asked; Dec. 43 1/2@44.

LOCAL NEWS.

Fred A. Wann, general freight agent of the Chicago and Alton, has resigned, to accept the position of first vice president of the Pere Marquette and second vice president of the C. H. & D., in charge of traffic of both companies. PAGE 2.

The Executive Committee of the Business Men's League, after general discussion, held in abeyance the question of advocating a new Charter for St. Louis. PAGE 12.

Employees of William H. Woodward were his pallbearers at the funeral yesterday. PAGE 12.

Fred Larch was arrested in the case of Frederick L. Drake, who was assaulted near Kimmiswick, upon the statement of Tom Baird, a 13-year-old boy, and was later released. PAGE 11.

The Exposition Company realized the first salvage in the sale of the rolling stock of the northern road. PAGE 2.

Notices to tenants to vacate premises on the northeast corner of Seventh and Pine streets revives rumors of a large office building to be erected there. PAGE 1.

Seven-year-old Elmer Pierson was struck and instantly killed by trolley car at French Village yesterday. PAGE 14.

The thirteen bars of metal stolen in East St. Louis and thought to be lead are silver alloy and valued at \$7,000. Nathan Banks arrested. PAGE 14.

Miss Ella Russell, who achieved notable operatic successes in Europe, will give her first concert in St. Louis before the Apollo Club. PAGE 2.

The City Council passed the bill providing for an amendment to the City Charter for an increase in the salary of officers. PAGE 2.

Editorial articles on the "Million Club," Foreign and State Displays, Democratic Administration in Missouri, A Progressive Policy for St. Louis. PAGE 1.

The Week's New Books, Stevenson in French, The Home of the New Novels, Stephen Phillips' Latest Play, The 25th Anniversary of Pastor Charles Wagner's "The Simple Life," now running in The Republic. PAGE 2.

Confirmation of the news at St. Petersburg of the Japs capturing 203-Metre Hill prepares the War Office for the inevitable. It is thought that if the Japs can succeed in mounting their heavy guns on other eminences the fall of Port Arthur is a matter of days, or at the most of weeks. PAGE 1.

Rapid cannonading is heard all afternoon from the Russian southwest front at Mukden, and although it occasions no great excitement it is considered significant. PAGE 1.

GENERAL DOMESTIC NEWS. "Fred" Wittrock, who planned and executed the Fotheringham train robbery near St. Louis in 1887, dies in Leavenworth. PAGE 11.

Governor Yates and representatives of the State Federation of Labor will meet in Chicago to-day to investigate the rumors that he is a Korea supporter. Little Rogers and Niedringhaus took an active part in the convention. PAGE 2.

The dead body of Thomas H. McGraw, head of the Water Department of Dallas, is found badly mangled under a railway bridge in that city. PAGE 11.

The Heppburn congressional party, which was appointed to visit Panama and gather information for the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, and which Congressman Shackelford of Missouri is slowly losing the reason because of illness enforced by the anti-conjugal law. PAGE 2.

The official count on Presidential Electors, completed by Secretary of State Cook, gives Roosevelt a plurality of 21,177. Joseph Traumbler leads the Democratic electors, and Lawrence Jones the Republicans. PAGE 4.

POLITICAL. R. H. Frisby of Harrison County is chosen by the Republican Senatorial Convention of the Fourth District to succeed Senator John C. McKinley, Lieutenant Governor elect. The convention took 221 ballots before the break occurred. Frisby is believed to be a Korea supporter. Both Rogers and Niedringhaus took an active part in the convention. PAGE 2.

Although the calendars of both houses of Congress are loaded with bills, little legislation besides the passing of the annual appropriation bills is expected to be accomplished at the session which begins Monday. PAGE 4.

SPORT. Members of the Union Jockey Club will select a committee to visit Chicago to-day. PAGE 10.

It is reported that George C. Bennett, the well-known Memphis horseman, has decided to retire temporarily from the racing game and to dispose of his entire stable at public auction at once. PAGE 20.

MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN VESSELS. New York, Dec. 2.—Arrived: Chonkita, Bremen. Genoa, Dec. 2.—Arrived: Hohenzollern, New York, via Naples. Havre, Dec. 2.—Arrived: La Geographe, New York. London, Dec. 2.—Sailed: Mantion, New York. Dec. 2.—Sailed: Ryndam, New York. Rotterdam, Dec. 2.—Sailed: Victoria, New York. Dec. 2.—Sailed: Victoria, New York. Havre, Dec. 2.—Sailed: Roma, New York.

MERCHANT CHARGED WITH SWINDLE

Bernie, Mo., Man Disappears Leaving Accounts Owing to Local Firms.

POLICE ASKED TO FIND HIM.

Accused Man Is Said to Be on His Way to Russia—Claim \$14,000 Is Due for Goods Sold.

PRINCIPAL LOSERS THROUGH ALLEGED SWINDLE OF MILLER. Wertheimer-Swarts Shoe Co., \$1,600. Ehrlich & Tiger Company, 1,500. Carleton Dry Goods Company, 1,500. A. Haas & Son Pants Co., 1,000. I. Ruskak & Sons, 900. George W. Perry & Co., 750.

Chief Desmond's men are looking for Israel Miller, a dry goods merchant of Bernie, Stoddard, Mo., who has disappeared owing to St. Louis creditors. It is said, more than \$14,000.

It is believed that Miller, with his brother Max, who conducted an auxiliary store at Holcomb, Mo., is in New York City, and that his intentions are to board a boat for Russia, whither the families of both men are said to have departed some time ago.

Twenty merchants of the city have placed their accounts against the alleged defaulter in the hands of attorneys. It is their intention to prosecute Miller, in case he is apprehended.

Less than three years ago Miller opened stores, buying his goods in small amounts and promptly paying his bills, until he had established a solid credit account with the firms. He was thought to have a prosperous business, and his integrity was not questioned.

About a month ago he visited firms in this city, from whom he had been buying, and, it is said, several thousand dollars was advanced to him, until he had established a solid credit account with the firms. He was thought to have a prosperous business, and his integrity was not questioned.

PROPERTY IS ATTACHED. The matter was placed in the hands of a local collecting agency, who promptly attached the remaining property. Miller's whereabouts was a mystery, the clerk said.

It was discovered that a letter addressed to Miller and containing several hundred dollars was forwarded to a St. Louis address not later than last Monday. Investigation so far, however, has failed to locate the merchant.

The firm of Wertheimer-Swarts Shoe Company is said to be the heaviest loser. At the office of the concern nothing could be learned of the transactions other than that it was a personal matter. Besides, the firms of Ehrlich & Tiger, Carleton Dry Goods Company, A. Haas & Son, and George W. Perry & Co. and more than a dozen local firms had small accounts under \$500. The Hanlon Millinery Company was one of these firms, their account against Miller being \$25.

C. C. Child, president of the St. Louis Credit Men's Association, said yesterday the missing merchant would be prosecuted by this organization if apprehended. One of the objects of this association is to procure protection for the mercantile credit men.

A meeting of the creditors of the merchant, many of whom are yet unknown, will be held in the office of Fagin & Co. this afternoon.

ROOSEVELT ORDERS AGAINST NEWSPAPER

Directs That Boston Herald Be Deprived of Facilities for Information.

Boston, Dec. 2.—J. W. Smith, district forecaster of the Weather Bureau, has received orders from the Weather Department at Washington forbidding the delivery of his office weather forecasts, maps, etc., to the Boston Herald.

By these orders all weather information disseminated by the Weather Bureau is withheld from the Herald.

DONE AT PRESIDENT'S ORDER. REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Washington, Dec. 2.—Willis S. Moore, Chief of the Weather Bureau, said to-day:

"Weather maps and forecasts were refused to the Boston Herald because of the President's order of November 29 directing the heads of all executive departments to deprive the Boston Herald of all facilities for information.

"That order was sent to the Secretary of Agriculture and transmitted in turn to me as Chief of the Weather Bureau. In accordance with the order I directed that no information shall be given to the Boston Herald until the order is rescinded."

ROOSEVELT MARRIED 18 YEARS President and His Wife Celebrate Anniversary.

Washington, Dec. 2.—To-day was the eighteenth wedding anniversary of President and Mrs. Roosevelt.

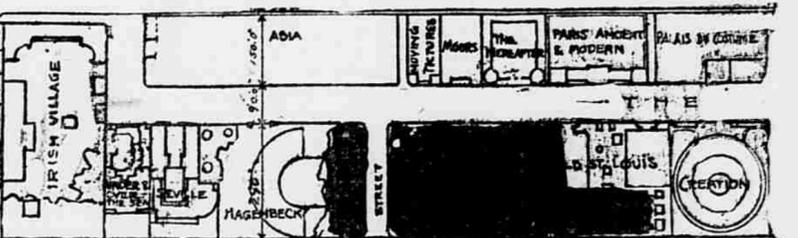
They were the recipients of congratulatory messages and letters from all parts of the country.

The anniversary was quietly celebrated to-night by a family dinner party.

SEVERAL BUILDINGS ON PIKE BURNED; CLEAR EVIDENCE THEY WERE SET AFIRE; ELECTRICITY PALACE ROOF DAMAGED

Ancient Rome, Fair Japan, Quo Vadis and the Bowery Concessions Destroyed—Galleries at Hagenbeck's Scorched—Animals in This Show and at Mysterious Asia Add to the Excitement—Waiter Supposed to Have Been Burned to Death—Japanese Rescued by Policemen—Old St. Louis Damaged.

GUARDS DECLARE THEY CAUGHT MAN IN THE ACT OF SETTING TORCH TO "HEREAFTER."



The black spots indicate the ruins on the Pike at the World's Fair as the result of the fire last night.

Fire on the World's Fair grounds early this morning destroyed Ancient Rome, Fair Japan, the Bowery, Quo Vadis and damaged Old St. Louis on the Pike.

Sparks set fire to the roof of the Electricity building, but the blaze was extinguished.

Two Japanese, seriously burned, were rescued by the police in Fair Japan.

It was found that the stairways of Ancient Rome, where the fire started, had been saturated with oil and the hose cut.

At Hereafter, across the street from Ancient Rome, a man was caught by the police. He is said to have been in the act of setting fire to that building.

An alarm of fire was turned in from the Mines and Metallurgy building, but there was no blaze there.

At 2 o'clock this morning attaches of Ancient Rome feared that Alexander Dixon, a waiter, 20 years old, had been burned to death in the structure where he was sleeping.

The loss of the various Pike buildings is estimated at \$40,000. The series of blazes started shortly after midnight and the fire was under control before 2 o'clock.

Some of the sparks set fire to the upper part of the gallery of the Hagenbeck wild animal show, but were quickly extinguished.

Most of the animals had been removed, but those that remained excited the crowd by their shrieks.

At Mysterious Asia, on the south side of the Pike, the trumpeting of the elephants added to the general din raised when the throng of Orientals flocked into the street.

Jefferson Guards and policemen, who were on the scene of the fire in Ancient Rome shortly after it started, firmly believe that a determined effort was made to burn Ancient Rome and several other of the Pike concessions.

Guards Cardwell, Bartram and Cochran were patrolling the Pike in the neighborhood of Ancient Rome, when they saw smoke issuing from the building. They ran to the structure and soon located the origin of the blaze on a stairway in the cellar.

Tiny tongues of bluish flames mounted the stairs, fed by oil that had been used by the incendiary to give the blaze a good start. The guards were positive that oil had been used.

The nozzle was trained on the fire, but no water came. The guards discovered that the hose had been cut.

Dropping the hose the guards ran to the nearest engine-house. Meantime Patrolman Jerry Barton and Dan Butler turned in an alarm.

When the guards returned a crowd had gathered in front of the concession, which was then ablaze and seemingly beyond control. When the fire apparatus arrived the flames had gained such great headway that the fire ladders turned their efforts to preventing a spread of the fire to the adjoining concessions.

K. Tomita, 23 years old, a Japanese salesman, rushed out of the Japanese Bazaar at the first sound of alarm. He turned back when the flames were well under way and attempted to seize his trunk, containing valuable costumes and money.

In the excitement, he dropped the trunk, seriously injuring his hand. His calls for help brought firemen to his assistance and he was taken from the building.

Despite their best efforts the firemen could not confine the flames to Ancient Rome and the bazaar and tea garden of Fair Japan on the one side and the Bowery on the other were ablaze.

Many of the Japanese sleeping in Fair Japan buildings contained the office of the concession company and the bazaar booths for the sale of Japanese ware. These were well stocked.

To one side of the gate was a pretentious restaurant building. At the extreme rear, where the fire started, was the gelsia girls' theater. In front of it and to one side were other structures, in which the merchants, jugglers, actors and other inhabitants of the village lived. It was from this building that two of the inmates were rescued by the police.

In all, the village contained some half-dozen structures, including a picturesque bridge, which spanned a tiny pool of water in front of the theater. The village was rearward by St. Louis capital, and was uninsured, the policy expiring on the last day of the Fair by the dimming clause. The cost of the plant was about \$20,000. Ancient Rome, which went up in smoke at almost the same time that the Fair Japan buildings were leveled, was considerably west of the latter village. It consisted of a large semicircular building, fronting right on the Pike.

YATES WILL NOT WITHDRAW TROOPS AT ZEIGLER NOW

Governor States After Conference That There Is a Possibility of Removal in a Few Days.

MARTIAL LAW NOT DECLARED.

Quiet Reigns at Miping Town for First Time in a Week, but Inhabitants Are Not Appeased by the Prevailing Calm.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 2.—A conference to discuss the advisability of withdrawing the two companies of the Fourth Infantry, Illinois National Guard, from Zeigler, where the troops were sent several days ago to guard the property of the Lettau Mining Company, was held this afternoon in the office of Governor Yates, and was participated in by the Executive Adjutant General Scott and Assistant Adjutant General Reece.

It was decided not to remove the troops at this time, but it is understood that they will be sent home within a few days, unless there are more serious developments in the situation than is now anticipated.

After the conference Governor Yates gave out the following statement: "There is nothing to be said relating to the presence and action of the State troops at Zeigler, except that two companies were sent there, and are there now, for the protection of life and the preservation of the peace. They were sent upon the absolute demand of the Sheriff of the county of Franklin, who stated in three different telegrams that he was absolutely unable to preserve order.

NO MARTIAL LAW. "There has been no proclamation of martial law. The Sheriff still asserted as late as last night that the presence of troops is still necessary. I therefore consider that the time has not yet come for their withdrawal.

"Both the Adjutant General and the Assistant Adjutant General have visited the locality. General Scott was there before the troops were sent, and Colonel Reece has just returned. The department is, and will be, fully advised of the situation constantly by the officer in command.

Zeigler is surrounded by a dense woods, and it is in this timber that the firing of weapons takes place night after night to the annoyance and alarm of the residents of Zeigler. None of the persons who are guilty of the shooting have been apprehended, and because of the dense forest Colonel Reece has found that it is exceedingly difficult to locate the marauders.

Officials of the mining company are confident the shots are fired by striking union miners, but this assertion is emphatically denied by officers of the miners' organization.

ALL IS PEACE IN USUALLY PERTURBED MINING VILLAGE BY A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.

Duquoin, Ill., Dec. 2.—Absolute quiet seems to be prevailing in Zeigler to-night, but two shots being heard before midnight, and the rattle of the machine guns have been silent for the first night in a week of exciting incidents.

Seventeen Greeks departed from Zeigler this afternoon headed for St. Louis. They are of the conviction that they will leave the country before the Greek Consulate, and W. T. Morris, member of the Executive Committee, and George Bagwell, president of the Seventh District of the miners' organization, visited Camp Turner near Christopher and other striking rendezvous, and left a portion of the defense fund which the national body has raised.

have the firebug, or one of a band of firebugs, whom they hold accountable for the series of fires which were discovered on the Pike at or about the same time this morning.

Dunn, who was employed up to the closing of the Fair as a lecturer in Hereafter, on the Pike, and who claims to be a school teacher, was arrested this morning shortly after the first alarm was turned in.

Sergeant H. P. Yates, shortly after the first alarm of fire was turned in, was passing the Hereafter concession on the south side of the Pike, nearly opposite the Fair Japan concession.

Looking in he saw what he thought to be a blaze in the kitchen part of the concession building.

Calling Sergeant Philip Regan, also of the Jefferson Guards, the two officers tried to gain admittance to the building. They found the gates locked, but continued to clamor for admittance.

After pounding on the gates, they were finally admitted to the place by the man, whom they immediately placed under arrest and brought to the World's Fair Police Station.

Here he was questioned by the police. In answer to their queries, he said that his name was Arthur C. Dunn. He gave his age as 25 and his occupation as a school teacher.

When searched a fine gold hunting case watch and eleven ladies' handbags were found on his person.

TEMPLE OF JAPAN DESTROYED BY FIRE. One of the irreparable losses of last night's fire was the Temple of Japan, brought over to this country and erected by Japanese carpenters.

The temple was more than 60 years old and it is thought that the two Japanese carpenters who were in, was attempting to protect the place when the flames drove them away.

INJURED BY THE FIRE IN FAIR JAPAN ON PIKE.

Y. Muto, Japanese carpenter; burns on right side and face; removed to Emergency Hospital. Condition serious. Rescued by Lieutenant Schoppe of the World's Fair police.

J. Kumotai, Japanese merchant; both hands and right side of face burned. Policemen dragged him from the flames.

K. Tomita, a Japanese salesman, was injured about the hands while attempting to rescue one of his trucks containing valuable costumes.

Theater of frame, which housed the "On the Bowery" concession. This was also destroyed.

The upper part of the wooden facade of Hagenbeck's, which is on the Pike east of Fair Japan, was burned. This structure was only saved because of the fact that a wide avenue leading from the Pike entrance of the Fair separated it from the burning Fair Japan.

All the Hagenbeck show structures are of frame, uncovered by staff.

That part which was scorched by the flames from Fair Japan consisted of galleries in which were a restaurant and cafe. The damage to Hagenbeck's is not great.

TWO JAPANESE RESCUED BY POLICEMEN.

One of the most daring rescues that has ever taken place on occasions of great peril was that performed at Fair Japan by Lieutenant Schoppe of the World's Fair District Police Station.

Braving fire and smoke, and the imminent danger of being swallowed up in a vortex of enduring flame, the officer rushed into what seemed to the terrified crowd standing about almost certain death and brought out from the flames a helpless Japanese carpenter.

The man had been overcome by the fumes early in the start of the conflagration while asleep, and was helpless to save himself.

And when the first Japanese had been saved, the police of the district who were on duty at the first alarm, from the panicked natives that there was yet another unfortunate unaccounted for and probably struggling for his life in the flames that licked the flimsy structures.

Quickly they rushed into the lurid mass and rescued the second one, burned and helpless to save himself from a horrible death like the first one.

Muto, a Japanese carpenter, aged 44, was the first native to be rescued by Lieutenant Schoppe, J. Kumotai, a Japanese merchant, aged 44, was the second inmate of the village whom the police rescued.

Muto was literally slung over the police Lieutenant's shoulder and carried out.

When the first alarm was turned in the natives, many of whom sleep in the village, rushed pell-mell from the burning structure in which they were quartered.

They did not wait to dress nor to save any of their property. They were on the street when the officers arrived on the scene, chattering excitedly and in great terror.

Lieutenant Schoppe inquired of one of them if all of the villagers had escaped. At first it was said that everyone in the place had gotten out, but a count of the occupants showed that two of them were missing.

Schoppe hesitated not a moment, but calling for volunteers, rushed into the flames, groped his way to the building where the missing were supposed to be. Accompanied by several of his command, he reached the door of the building, and hastily throwing it open, looked for the missing men.

Muto was found on the bed where he had been overcome as he slept. Schoppe shook him, but the man did not awake. He was unconscious. In vain the officer tugged in the blinding smoke and flame to waken the sleeper.

Every second the devouring flames licked the woodwork of the house of cards and leaped towards the sleeper on his bed. No more time could be lost, and the Lieutenant, stooping down, caught the unconscious man and threw him across his shoulder.

With a bound he was out of the door and into the flame-swept court of the village. But a few seconds more he had reached the pavement of the Pike, and had handed his unconscious burden to the awaiting spectators there.

In the meantime the other officers had dragged the unconscious merchant, Kumotai, from his bunk. They, too, reached the outside Pike in safety with their unconscious burden.

Muto was badly burned on the right side of his face and on his right hand. Kumotai suffered bad burns on both hands and on the right side of his face.

MAN HELD ON CHARGE OF ATTEMPTED ARSON.

In Arthur C. Dunn, who was arrested last night after the first fire on the Pike was discovered, the police believe they